AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the portions of the specification identified below to read as indicated herein.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 2 as follows:

As shown in Figs. 2 and 3, in a preferred aspect of the present invention, each connector output 24 has one or more magnets disposed therein. This arrangement preferably protects the integrity of magnets 36 and/or creates a magnetic interaction between magnets 36 and the electrically conductive ferrous type material of connector outputs 24. In this aspect of the invention, magnets 36 are preferably formed of a ~~samarium-colbalt~~samarium-cobalt alloy. However, additional and/or alternative magnetic materials may also be used. In this aspect of the invention, magnets 36 are cylindrically shaped. However, magnets 36 can have any size, shape and/or configuration suitable to effectively cooperate with connector outputs 24. As shown in Fig. 2, magnets 36 are preferably recessed in connector outputs 24 to allow controller inputs 14 and/or appliance inputs 16 to be received into the connector outputs.